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SUBJ: ISRAELI REACTION TO MAY 25 IDF MILITARY

ACTION IN LEBANON

1. BOTH LABOR ALIGNMENT AND LIKUD KNESSET FACTIONS
REJECTED DEMANDS FROM MEMBERS TO PLACE ON KNESSET AGENDA
DEBATE ON IDF MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON ON GROUNDS, AS
REPORTED IN PRESS (HAARETZ MAY 27), " THAT ONE SHOULD NOT
MAKE MATTERS MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT THAN THEY
WERE ANYHOW."

2. WIDESPREAD EDITORIAL AND OTHER COMMENTARY IN PRESS
MAY 26 TENDED TO BE CRITICAL IN VARYING DEGREES OF IDF ACTION.
FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM YEDIOT AHARONOT MAY 26 IS REPRESENTATIVE:
BEGIN QUOTE--THE SEARCH OPERATIONS WHICH THE IDF CARRIED
OUT ON OUR NORTHERN BORDER ARE, IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, A
REALISTIC NECESSITY, AND MAY WELL KEEP DISASTERS AT ARMS'S
LENGTH. STILL, WE ASK OURSELVES IF, IN VIEW OF THE INTERNAL
SITUATION IN LEBANON, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO
CONTINUE THOSE OPERATIONS ON THEIR FULL SCALE EVEN THIS
WEEK, AND WHETHER THE CHIEF OF STAFF DID TAKE THE ASPECT
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OF THE PROBLEM INTO ACCOUNT. END QUOTE.

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